

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 6, “General Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment requires a general pharmacy located in Iowa to post a notice to patients that the pharmacist is required to counsel a patient on any new prescription dispensed to the patient. The amendment provides that the Board will supply the pharmacy with the required signage. A pharmacy with no direct patient access, commonly referred to as a “closed-door pharmacy,” is exempt from the requirement to post the patient counseling notice.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the November 4, 2009, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 8267B**. The Board received written comments regarding the proposed amendment. The adopted amendment differs from that published under Notice. In response to comments from pharmacies providing services in a “closed-door pharmacy” environment, the adopted amendment includes an exemption from the requirement to post the counseling notice for a pharmacy with no direct patient access.

The amendment was approved during the January 26, 2010, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

This amendment will become effective on April 1, 2010.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 657—6.14(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

657—6.14(155A) Patient counseling and instruction. Every general pharmacy located in Iowa shall post in the prescription pickup area in a manner clearly visible to patients a notice that Iowa law requires the pharmacist to discuss with the patient any new prescriptions dispensed to the patient. The board shall provide a general pharmacy with the required signage. A pharmacy that provides no direct patient access to the pharmacy department, commonly referred to as a “closed-door pharmacy,” shall not be required to post the counseling notice.

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